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Field Crops

Ninety percent of the cotton acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 17 percent complete across the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	37	46	13
Cotton	0	2	15	66	17
Range and Pasture	2	23	33	28	14

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	90	80	87	88
• Harvested	17	15	11	8

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 21, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Paloma to 6 degrees above normal at Prescott and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Parker and Yuma, and the lowest reading of 33 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 22 stations. Kingman received the most at 0.41 inches of precipitation and Aguila received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 15 - September 21, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	80	1	96	62	0.01	6.10	-1.18	84
Buckeye	86	2	101	70	0.00	4.06	-1.09	79
Canyon De Chelly	66	2	82	46	0.17	7.21	0.45	107
Coolidge	81	2	100	60	0.00	4.38	-0.82	84
Douglas	73	2	93	55	0.00	9.00	-1.28	88
Flagstaff	57	1	77	36	0.15	13.33	-3.03	81
Grand Canyon	57	5	81	33	0.10	9.64	-5.20	65
Kingman	77	4	96	60	0.41	4.63	-2.60	64
Marana	83	4	100	66	0.00	5.41	-2.53	68
Maricopa	84	3	101	66	0.00	5.71	0.72	114
Paloma	83	-2	101	65	0.00	4.16	-0.58	88
Parker	86	3	107	62	0.00	2.47	-0.48	84
Payson	68	2	83	51	0.00	14.24	-1.53	90
Phoenix	89	5	103	77	0.00	7.97	2.82	155
Prescott	69	6	88	50	0.05	9.63	-5.31	64
Roll	85	-1	105	62	0.00	2.00	-0.10	95
Safford	75	1	93	59	0.00	7.64	0.80	112
St. Johns	66	2	84	45	0.00	5.91	-2.69	69
Tucson	82	2	97	66	0.00	7.35	-1.45	84
Willcox	73	3	93	54	0.02	8.44	-1.10	88
Winslow	69	3	88	48	0.00	3.62	-2.04	64
Yuma	92	6	107	75	0.00	2.00	-0.10	95

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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